

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL, SUPPORTING THE
HONORARY DESIGNATION OF N.C. HIGHWAY 751 AND CAMERON BOULEVARD
IN DURHAM FROM KERLEY ROAD TO DUKE UNIVERSITY ROAD, BY THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS “COACH K
HIGHWAY.”**

WHEREAS, Michael William Krzyzewski (Coach K) served as the head coach of Duke University Men’s Basketball from 1980 to 2022, amassing a reputation as one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time; and

WHEREAS, Coach K began his basketball career upon enrollment in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served his country from 1969-74, directing service teams for three years and serving two years as head coach at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School; he resigned from the Army having attained the rank of Captain in 1974 and went on to build the basketball program at his alma mater for five years prior to his arrival at Duke University in 1980; and

WHEREAS, he built a dynasty at Duke University that few programs in the history of the game can match, accumulating multiple career milestones and accolades, from his first win as head coach at Army on November 28, 1975, to his 1,202nd and final over Arkansas in the 2022 West Regional Final on March 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Coach K is the winningest coach in Division I men’s basketball history, being named a Naismith Hall of Fame coach, 12-time National Coach of the Year, and Sportsman of the Year in 2011 by Sports Illustrated; he was honored by USA Basketball seven times as the recipient or co-recipient of the USA Basketball National Coach of the Year Award, is the only men’s coach to have won gold medals at the Olympics and the FIBA World Cup while also possessing at least one NCAA Championship, a NCAA record 13-time Final Four participant, and led teams to five national championships; and

WHEREAS, he has served as an executive-in-residence at Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business since 2001 and helped found the Coach K Center on Leadership & Ethics (COLE), directly influencing the leadership development of more than 6,500 MBA students and executives since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Coach K is committed to public service, locally and nationally, by serving on boards for the Duke Children’s Hospital, the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research, the NABC Foundation and the CEO Roundtable on Cancer; and

WHEREAS, his philanthropic activities also include the establishment of the Emily Krzyzewski Center, a community center in Durham named in honor of his late mother that has inspired over 7,500 economically disadvantaged students to dream big, strive for academic excellence and reach their highest potential as future citizen leaders; and

WHEREAS, Coach K’s motivating, transformative and powerful leadership inspired generations of athletes across the world and his legacy and impact at Duke University will be recognized long after his retirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in appreciation for his distinguished service to the citizens of the state of North Carolina and the city of Durham, the Durham City Council hereby respectfully requests that the North Carolina Board of Transportation honorarily designate a portion of N.C. Highway 751 and Cameron Boulevard from Kerley Road to Duke University Road: “Coach K Highway”.